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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) Power outage in North Dakota's capital delays drilling rig data. A power outage at a substation operated by MDU Resources Group in Bismarck, North Dakota July 8 disabled computer servers that provide data on output statistics for the state's daily drilling rig count. The rig count is monitored by the state's Department of Mineral Resources and delivers guidance on future oil production for nearly 15,000 wells.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL1N0ZO0VR20150708>

(North Dakota) North Dakota PSC approves Hess pipeline project. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved a Hess Corp. pipeline project that crosses under Lake Sakakawea.

<http://www.thebakken.com/articles/1195/north-dakota-psc-approves-hess-pipeline-project>

(North Dakota) Two Women Escape from the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown. Authorities are searching for two women who escaped the North Dakota State Hospital Thursday night, according to the North Dakota Highway Patrol. <http://www.wdaz.com/news/north-dakota/3783260-two-women-escape-north-dakota-state-hospital-jamestown>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Federal, State officials investigating Minnesota Salmonella outbreaks. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Minnesota Departments of Health and Agriculture officials are reportedly investigating two outbreaks of Salmonella Enteritidis linked to Barber Foods brand and Antioch Farms brand chicken products that infected 7 people between April – June. http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/07/cdc-fsis-minnesota-officials-investigating-two-salmonella-outbreaks-linked-to-raw-frozen-chicken-entrees/#.VZ_PU_IVhBc

NATIONAL

(National) OPM government data breach impacted 21.5 million. Federal officials announced July 9 that the June breach of the U.S. Office of Personnel

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Management's computer systems affected roughly 21.5 million people, up from the 4.2 million estimate originally announced, including security clearance application information from 19.7 million applicants and information regarding 1.8 million non-applicants comprised of spouses and partners.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/09/politics/office-of-personnel-management-data-breach-20-million/index.html>

(National) **Several big U.S. cities see homicide rates surge.** After seeing years of decline in violent crime, several major American cities experienced a dramatic surge in homicides during the first half of this year. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/several-big-us-cities-see-homicide-rates-surge/ar-AAcKLdx>

INTERNATIONAL

(Germany) **Germany passes strict cyber-security law to protect 'critical infrastructure'.** In the wake of ever-increasing cyber-security threats, Germany has passed legislation ordering that over 2,000 essential service providers implement new minimum information security standards or face penalties if they fail to do so within two years. <http://rt.com/news/273058-german-cyber-security-law/>

(International) **Govt supplier of surveillance software gets hacked, 400GB of data leaked.** The Italian surveillance software company, Hacking Team reported that its systems were hacked, and 400 gigabytes of corporate data was leaked to the public. The company developed products for government agencies worldwide, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the FBI. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/supplier-of-govt-surveillance-software-gets-hacked-400gb-of-data-leaked-486099.shtml>

(International) **NYSE shut down for nearly four hours by technical glitch.** The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) suspended trading for almost four hours July 8 due to an internal technical issue. Other exchanges traded normally, and the trading of NYSE-listed stocks was unaffected. <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/nyse-suspends-trading-securities-due-161705660.html>

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(International) Hacking Team claims terrorists can now use its tools. The Italian security company Hacking Team warned July 8 that the release of 400 gigabytes (GB) of internal data in a July 5 breach of its systems represented an “extremely dangerous” situation and that terrorists and other threat actors could potentially leverage available code to deploy software against any target.

http://www.computerworld.com/article/2946093/security0/hacking-team-claims-terrorists-can-now-use-its-tools.html#tk.rss_security

(International) Eurozone Reaches Deal on Greece. Eurozone leaders said Monday morning that they would give Greece up to €86 billion (\$96 billion) in fresh bailout loans as long as the government of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras manages to implement a round of punishing austerity measures in the coming days. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/eurozone-reaches-deal-on-greece/ar-AAcTNV4>

(International) Escape by top drug lord a strong blow to Mexico's government. The capture of drug lord Joaquin Guzman was the crowning achievement of President Enrique Pena Nieto's government in its war against drug cartels, a beacon of success amid domestic woes. That makes the bold escape by "El Chapo" from a maximum security prison all the more devastating. <http://news.yahoo.com/escape-top-drug-lord-strong-blow-mexicos-government-040953055.html#>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) Hackers targeting users of Barclays, Royal Bank of Scotland, HSBC, Lloyds Bank and Santander. Security researchers from Bitdefender warned of a malicious phishing scheme targeting financial users of banks worldwide, including Bank of America, Citibank, Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, and PayPal in the U.S., in which spam servers are distributing emails directing users to download an archive containing a downloader for the Dyreza banking trojan. The three-day campaign has so far distributed 19,000 emails worldwide.

http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3070

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

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COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(National) Credit card breach at a zoo near you. Denver-based Service Systems Associates reported that malware installed on point-of-sale (PoS) credit and debit card processing systems at zoo gifts shops in at least 12 cities nationwide may have compromised the payment information of customers who used the systems between March 23 – June 25.

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/07/credit-card-breach-at-a-zoo-near-you/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Nothing Significant to Report

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

(South Carolina) Fighter jet, plane collide in deadly midair collision. A U.S. National Transportation Safety Board official reported July 8 that a U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter jet collided midair with a small Cessna plane July 7 over South Carolina, killing the Cessna's occupants. The F-16 pilot was taken to Shaw Air Force Base for observation and an investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the collision. <http://nosint.blogspot.com/2015/07/fighter-jet-plane-collide-in-deadly.html>

(International) U.S. Wants Drones in North Africa. The U.S. is in talks with North African countries about positioning drones at a base on their soil to ramp up surveillance of Islamic State in Libya in what would be the most significant expansion of the campaign against the extremist group in the region. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/us-wants-drones-in-north-africa/ar-AAcTHYH>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Gun used in pier 14 shooting belonged to Federal agent: sources.

San Francisco authorities reported July 7 that the gun used in a July 1 shooting that led to the death of a woman was allegedly stolen from a Federal agent's vehicle. Further investigations are ongoing to determine how the shooter obtained the weapon. <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Francisco-Sanchez-Pier-14-Heroin-Deportation-Immigration-Debate-Steinle-312139981.html?988888>

(Alabama) 9-1-1 center phone system fails again. The Huntsville Madison County 9-1-1 Center reported July 7 that its main phone system and back-up system were down July 4, after a car wreck severed power lines and an uninterruptible power source malfunctioned. Officials are working to resolve future outages.

http://www.waaytv.com/appnews/center-phone-system-fails-again/article_ec0592a0-2411-11e5-8ca1-efcb395ebdfb.html

(Maryland) Baltimore mayor fires police commissioner amid homicide rise.

Baltimore authorities reported July 8 that its city police commissioner was fired following an April incident in which a man died while in police custody that later led to an increase in riots and homicides within the city.

<http://www.policeone.com/chiefs-sheriffs/articles/8653202-Baltimore-mayor-fires-police-commissioner-amid-homicide-rise>

ENERGY

(California) Report on Fresno gas explosion cites pipe's reduced dirt cover. The California Public Utilities Commission released a report July 6 revealing that an April 17 Pacific Gas and Electric gas pipeline explosion, caused when an earthmoving truck struck the pipeline was a result of inadequate depth of cover and failure by the company to properly mark its presence.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Report-on-Fresno-gas-explosion-cites-pipe-s-6369645.php>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Heavy Rains Across Midwest, Eastern US May Cause Surge in Food Prices Later This Year. Heavy rain across the Midwest and East this spring and early summer may be responsible for a rise in consumer food prices later this year. Problems have been reported in Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, New York and the New England states. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/heavy-rains-across-midwest-eastern-us-may-cause-surge-in-food-prices-later-this-year/ar-AAcNHZQ>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Wisconsin) Wisconsin state Capitol Building briefly evacuated due to bomb threat. Officials are investigating a credible bomb threat after Wisconsin's state Capitol Building was evacuated for nearly two hours July 8. <http://www.newsweek.com/wisconsin-capitol-building-evacuated-due-bomb-threat-351569>

(Maryland) All clear given after bomb threat at UMES. Approximately 150 construction workers and faculty members were evacuated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore July 6 after a bomb threat was made to a construction site on the east side of campus. Students attending a summer program were dismissed early. <http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/officials-investigating-bomb-threat-at-umes/34012858>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Cybercriminal group spying on U.S., European businesses for profit. Symantec reported that a cybercriminal group dubbed Morpheo that was known for hacking Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, and Twitter, has extended its cyber-espionage to hit research-and-development related computer systems in 49 different multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical, software, Internet, oil, and metal mining commodities organizations across 20 countries, with the majority being in the U.S. Researchers believe the group has U.S. ties and is run by an organized

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crime ring. <http://www.darkreading.com/endpoint/cybercriminal-group-spying-on-us-european-businesses-for-profit/d/d-id/1321221>

(International) Hacker search engine becomes the new Internet of Things search engine. The developer of the Shodan Internet device search engine reported that the search engine exposes the systemic vulnerabilities present in consumer-grade Internet of Things hubs due to a poor security posture, where many hubs still use default passwords and have telnet enabled. Once compromised attackers could leverage hubs to monitor sensor data or determine if someone is home.

<http://www.securityweek.com/hacker-search-engine-becomes-new-internet-things-search-engine>

(International) Zero-day exploits leaked in Hacking Team breach. Security researchers from Trend Micro and Symantec reported that data from a recently confirmed Hacking Team breach contained several zero-day vulnerabilities and exploits, including a use-after-free (UAF) flaw affecting Adobe Flash Player versions 9 and later on Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Apple Safari, and a Microsoft Windows kernel vulnerability.

<http://www.securityweek.com/zero-day-exploits-leaked-hacking-team-breach>

(International) Crypto leaders: “exceptional access” will undo security.

Cryptography experts released a report warning of the long term economic and security risks associated with “exceptional access,” a U.S. government initiative to maintain access to cryptographic keys to secure information over the Internet primarily for law enforcement use.

<https://threatpost.com/crypto-leaders-exceptional-access-will-undo-security/113639>

(International) Flaw allows hijacking of professional surveillance AirLive cameras. Engineers from Core Security discovered vulnerabilities in AirLive’s surveillance cameras in which an attacker could invoke computer-generated imagery (CGI) files without authentication or utilize backdoor accounts to execute arbitrary operating system commands, possibly allowing the attacker to see camera’s transmission stream and compromise network devices. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18597>

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(Massachusetts) Boston officials ramp up cybersecurity. The city of Boston is developing a next-generation firewall to protect the Hub from cyberattacks, part of an effort to spend millions beefing up cybersecurity in the coming years.

https://www.bostonherald.com/business/technology/technology_news/2015/07/boston_officials_ramp_up_cybersecurity

PUBLIC HEALTH

(National) Recall: Antipsychotic found in bottle labeled for GERD medication.

AstraZeneca announced a voluntary recall of 34,524 mislabeled Nexium bottles following the discovery of Seroquel XR, an antipsychotic agent, in an unopened Nexium container.

<http://www.empr.com/safety-alerts-and-recalls/nexium-recall-seroquel-xr/article/424512/>

TRANSPORTATION

(National) United Airlines flights no longer grounded, delays remain. The Federal Aviation Administration reported July 8 that about 3,500 United Airlines flights were grounded and delayed nationwide throughout major airports after its computer system experienced a network connectivity issue. Crews were able to repair the computer system, but delays can affect up to 373 flights.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/travel/united-airlines-passengers-say-flights-grounded-nationwide-n388536>

(Texas) Houston bound flight diverted to Boston due to unruly passenger. A British Airways flight 195 from London to Houston was diverted to Boston due to an unruly passenger who was escorted off the plane after allegedly assaulting his wife during the flight July 8. The flight was delayed several hours as a result.

<http://abc13.com/news/houston-bound-flight-diverted-to-boston-due-to-unruly-passenger/835461/>

WATER AND DAMS

(Tennessee) Toxic East Tennessee train derailment may have affected water.

Officials issued an activity advisory for Culton Creek in Tennessee after biologists found dead fish from the July 2 CSX train derailment that spilled toxic chemicals. Sample testing showed Pistol Creek and Little River were safe for normal activity

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while other cleanup efforts continue.

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2015/jul/06/toxic-csx-derailment-may-have-dumped-chemicals-culton-creek/313164/>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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